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Heavy Fleet Overhaul Saves West Valley City Taxpayers Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars

West Valley City – A decision to prolong the life span of some of West Valley City's hardest-working vehicles is expected to save taxpayers more than half a million dollars over the next two years. The heavy fleet overhaul plan, implemented this year, aims to refurbish rather than replace six large vehicles in the city's fleet, realizing a savings of approximately \$100,000 per vehicle. The West Valley City Council will see the first of the refurbished trucks, a pair of decade-old dump trucks with a total overhaul cost of \$153,000, at tonight's study meeting*.

The idea to refurbish rather than replace was presented by West Valley City's Fleet Manager, Eric Madsen, who oversees the city's fleet of more than 500 vehicles. "The cabs and chassis on these trucks are in great shape," says Madsen. "Replacing the beds, hydraulics and plows – the parts that see the most wear and tear – will give these trucks another six-to-eight years of life."

Madsen says innovative cost-saving ideas are a priority of Public Works Director Russ Willardson. "It's really not hard to disagree with a good idea," says Willardson. "The engines on these trucks still have a lot of life in them and it makes perfect sense to keep them on the road, especially when the savings are this significant."

***Photo Op:** Media interested in photographing West Valley City's refurbished trucks are invited to tonight's study meeting at **4:30 p.m. at the Family Fitness Center (5415 West 3100 South)** or may call Aaron Crim at 801-963-3466 to schedule a time at their convenience.

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